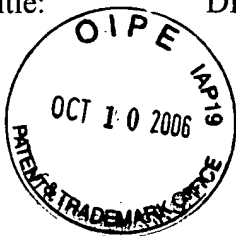


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AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A. Chinnaian et al. Attorney Docket No.: AXCO121326
Application No.: 10/798,834 Art Unit: 3733 / Confirmation No.: 5037
Filed: March 10, 2004 Examiner: J. Kim
Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FIXING BONE SEGMENTS



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

October 5, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	24	-	27	=	0	x	25	=	0
Independent Claims	6	-	9	=	0	x	100	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 5, 2006, set to expire on July 5, 2006, be extended by 3 months, to expire on October 5, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$510.

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C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 172564 in the amount of \$510 to cover the request for extension of time.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first-class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

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